films and organization of kisan melas/ exhibitions. Farmers exposure visits, interface with the scientists, NGOs and Farmers Organizations are also being supported.

— The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) concept is being promoted through 26 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) located in 22 States and 1 Union Territory for capacity building of extension functionaries and farmers.

Conversion of barren land into agricultural land

†5405. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes under implementation, State-wise, to convert the barren land into agricultural land;

(b) whether it is also a fact that various schemes to convert the barren land into cultivation land are not being implemented fully through time-bound action plan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure time-bound implementation of those schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANA YADAV): (a) to (d) Barren land includes exposed steep mountain slopes, snow-covered and such other areas etc., which cannot be brought under cultivation at an economic cost. There is no such specific programme being implemented by this Ministry for conversion of barren lands into agricultural lands. However, for the development of wastelands/degraded lands, following scheme are being implemented:

A. Ministry of Agriculture

(i) National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas.

(ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for reclamation of Alkali Soils.

(iii) World Bank Assisted Uttar Pradesh Sodic Land Reclamation Project.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(iv) Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation areas in North-Eastern States.

(v) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded lands in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers.

B. Ministry of Rural Development

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

(ii) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP).

(iii) Desert Development Programme (DDP).

The above schemes are being implemented by State Governments according to the guidelines of respective schemes. These schemes are reviewed and evaluated periodically by their respective Ministries.

Supply of spurious seeds, fertilizers etc.

5406. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to supply of spurious seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, the farmers in the country are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details of companies/agencies involved in supplying spurious seeds, fertilizers and pesticides during the last three years; and

(c) the cases filed against spurious seeds, fertilizers and pesticides suppliers in Karnataka and the value of confiscated seeds, fertilizers and pesticides for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Among other reasons supply of spurious seeds, fertilizers and pesticides also cause losses to the farmers of the country.

(b) A Statement-I is attached. (*See* below)

(c) A Statement-II is attached. (*See* below)